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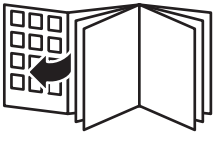

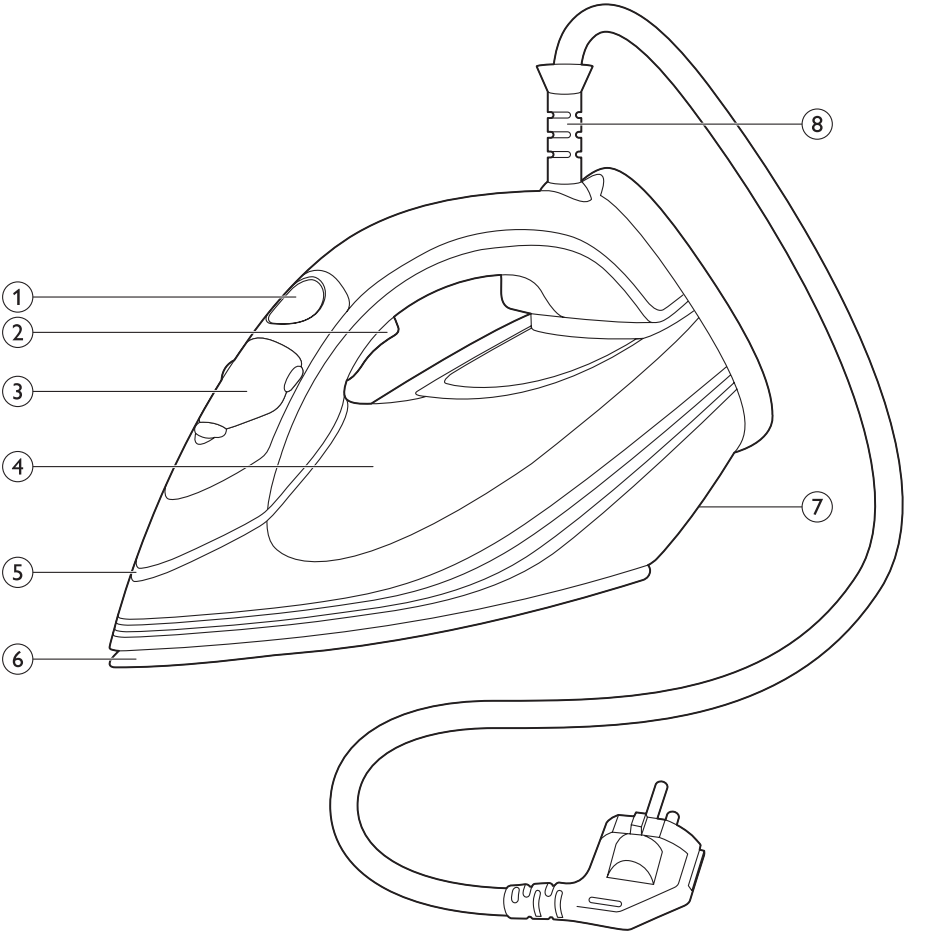
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Important

Read this user manual carefully before you use the appliance and save it for future reference.

Danger

- Never immerse the appliance in water.

Warning

- Check if the voltage indicated on the type plate corresponds to the local mains voltage before you connect the appliance.
- Check to make sure the wall socket has the correct rating

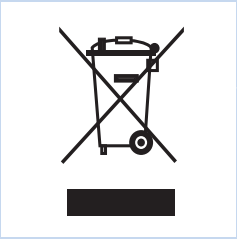
(16A) before you connect the appliance.
- Do not use the appliance if the plug, the mains cord or the appliance itself shows visible damage, or if the appliance has been dropped or leaks.
- If the mains cord is damaged, you must have it replaced by Philips, a service centre authorised by Philips or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.
- Never leave the appliance unattended when it is connected to the mains.
- This appliance can be used by children aged 8 or above and by persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given instructions in safe use of the appliance or supervision to

establish safe use and if they have been made aware of the hazards involved.
- Do not allow children to play with the appliance.
- Keep the appliance and its mains cord out of the reach of children aged 8 or under when the appliance is switched on or cooling down.
- Children are not allowed to clean the appliance without supervision.
- Do not let the mains cord come into contact with the hot soleplate of the iron.

Caution

- Only connect the appliance to an earthed wall socket.
- Always place and use the appliance on a stable, level and horizontal surface. If you prefer to place the iron on its heel, make sure that you place it on a stable surface.

- Check the mains cord regularly for possible damage.
- Fully unwind the mains cord before you plug it in the wall socket.
- The soleplate of the iron can become extremely hot and may cause burns if touched.
- When you have finished ironing, when you clean the appliance, when you leave the iron even for a short while and also during water filling: put the iron in horizontal position or on its heel on a stable surface and remove the mains plug from the wall socket.
- Do not put perfume, vinegar, starch, descaling agents, ironing aids or other chemicals in the water tank.
- This appliance is intended for indoor household use only.



Electromagnetic fields (EMF)

This Philips appliance complies with all standards regarding electromagnetic fields (EMF). If handled properly and according to the instructions in this user manual, the appliance is safe to use based on scientific evidence available today.

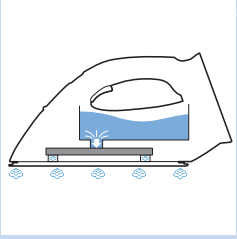
Disposal

- Do not throw away the appliance with the normal household waste at the end of its life, but hand it in at an official collection point for recycling. By doing this, you help to preserve the environment.
- To make recycling possible, the plastic parts used for this appliance have been coded. The cardboard packaging is made of 90% recycled material and is fully recyclable.

Introduction

Thank you for buying this Philips appliance.

- The new Philips PerfectCare Xpress steam iron offers you an innovative way to iron your garments. We all know the fuss with traditional irons: choosing the right temperature for your tough and delicate fabrics, waiting for the iron to warm up and cool down to avoid the risk of damaging clothes with a too hot iron. Those hassles are things of the past with the new Philips PerfectCare Xpress steam iron.
- In principle, wrinkle removal is done by transferring heat to fabric. Historically, this was done with a very hot soleplate. Then steam was added to enhance heat transfer, thus making ironing much faster. Our research confirmed that the best way to remove wrinkles effectively is a perfect combination of intense steam and optimal soleplate temperature. The key to effective wrinkle removal is the steam, not the soleplate temperature. The soleplate temperature needs to be just above the steam temperature to remove any moisture. This is the optimal temperature.

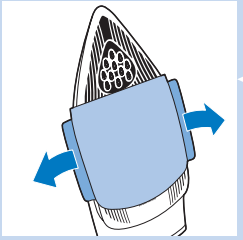


- In the past, a high amount of steam at this optimal temperature would have led to water leakage. We developed a unique steam chamber that generates a consistent output of moisture-rich steam that penetrates deep into the fabric for fast ironing with no risk of water leakage.
- Ironing is now truly simple - no temperature adjustment, no scorching, no waiting for heating up and cooling down. Ironing takes less time, no matter who does the ironing. With this OptimalTemp technology, every single garment can be ironed effectively and safely.
- This iron has been approved by The Woolmark Company Pty Ltd for the ironing of wool-only products, provided that the garments are ironed according to the instructions on the garment label and those issued by the manufacturer of this iron. R1201. In the United Kingdom, Eire, Hong Kong and India, the Woolmark trademark is a certification trademark.
- Product images on schematic drawings and/or pictures on package and user manual are generic and may be different from your purchased product.

Product overview (Fig. 4)

1 ECO button (specific types only)
2 Steam trigger for vertical steaming and Steam Boost
3 Cap of filling opening
4 Water tank with water level indication
5 Smart light
6 Soleplate
7 Type plate
8 Mains cord with plug

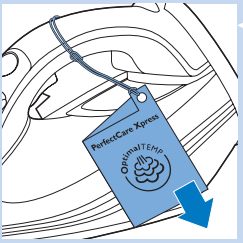
Before first use



This appliance is intended for ironing and refreshing fabrics only.

1 Remove all packaging material and stickers.

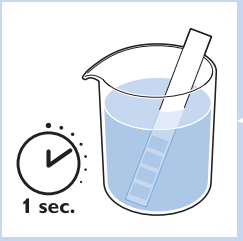
2 Remove the protective cover from the soleplate before you use the appliance.



3 Remove the hangtag from the iron.

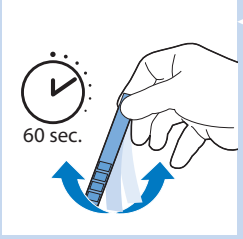
Using the appliance

Checking the water hardness

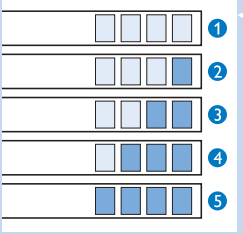


Your appliance has been designed to be used with tap water. If you live in an area with very hard water, fast scale build-up will occur. It is therefore recommended to check the water hardness first with the test strips provided.

1 Dip the test strip in tap water for 1 second.



2 Shake the strip for 60 seconds.



3 Check how many squares on the test strip have changed colour and compare with the details in the water hardness table below.

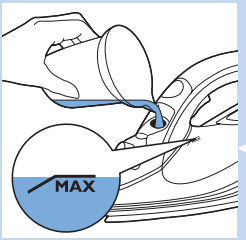
Water hardness table

Squares with colour change	Water hardness	Advice
1 None	Very soft water	Use tap water
2 One	Soft water	Use tap water
3 Two	Medium hard water	Use mixture of 50% tap water and 50% distilled water*
4 Three	Hard water	Use mixture of 50% tap water and 50% distilled water or filtered water from IronCare water descale filter.
5 Four	Very hard water	Use mixture of 30% tap water and 70% distilled water or filtered water from IronCare water descale filter.

* For your convenience, we recommend that you use filtered water from IronCare water descale filter.

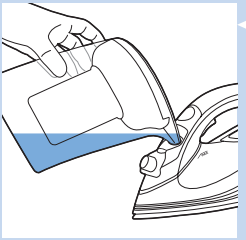
Note: Please visit www.philips.com/IronCare for more information on the IronCare water descale filter. You can buy an IronCare water descale filter in the online webshop at www.shop.philips.com/service. You can also contact the Philips Consumer Care Centre.

Filling the water tank



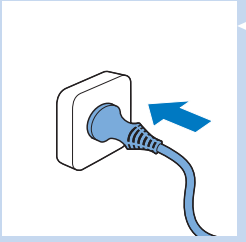
Caution: Do not put perfume, vinegar, starch, descaling agents, ironing aids or other chemicals in the water tank, as your appliance is not designed to work with these chemicals.

1 Fill the water tank up to the MAX indication with the filling cup supplied if your tap water is soft.

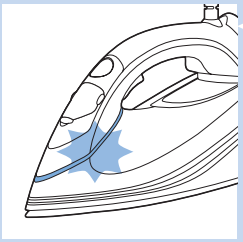


Note: If you use the IronCare water descale filter, you can fill the water tank with filtered water straight from this filter.

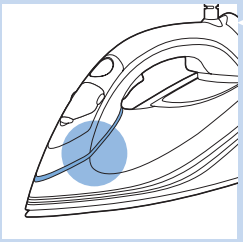
Heating up



1 Put the plug in an earthed wall socket.



2 The Smart light starts flashing blue to indicate that the iron is heating up.

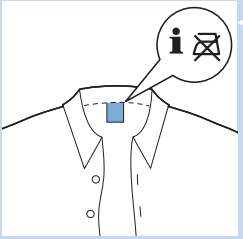


3 When the iron is ready for use, the Smart light lights up blue continuously.

Temperature and steam setting

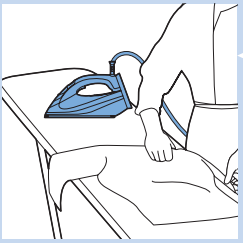
The OptimalTemp technology enables you to iron all types of ironable fabrics, in any order, without adjusting the iron temperature or steam setting.

- Fabrics with these symbols are ironable, for example linen, cotton, polyester, silk, wool, viscose, rayon.



- Fabrics with this symbol are not ironable. These fabrics include synthetic fabrics such as Spandex or elastane, Spandex-mixed fabrics and polyolefins (e.g. polypropylene), but also prints on garments.

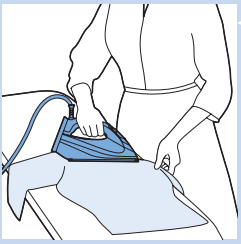
Ironing



1 Unfold your ironing board and set it to the appropriate height.

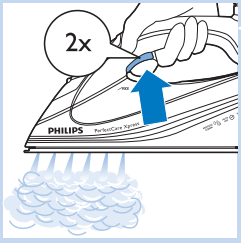
2 Place the garment you want to steam iron on the ironing board.

Note: With the OptimalTemp technology, every single garment can be ironed effectively and safely, even delicate fabrics like silk.



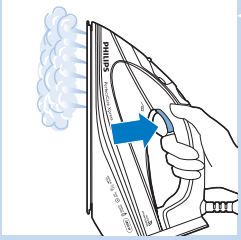
3 You can start ironing when the Smart light stops flashing and lights up continuously.

- Thanks to the Auto Steam Sensor technology, the iron starts steaming automatically when it is moved.



Steam Boost function (specific types only)

- Press the steam trigger twice. The iron delivers one single shot of high steam output to remove stubborn wrinkles.
- During delivery of the Steam Boost, the Smart light flashes quickly.



Vertical steam ironing

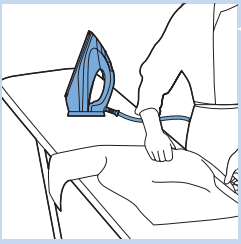
- Hold the iron in vertical position. Then press and hold the steam trigger to steam the garment vertically.

Tip: Pull the garment with one hand to stretch it for more effective wrinkle removal.

Hot steam is emitted from the iron. Never attempt to remove wrinkles from a garment while someone is wearing it. Do not apply steam near your or someone else's body to prevent burns.

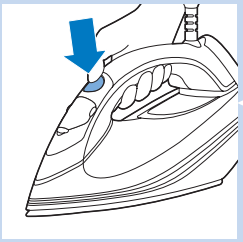
Note: Water is regularly pumped into the steam chamber, which causes the iron to produce a pumping sound. This is normal.

Putting down the iron during ironing



- Place the iron on its heel on the ironing board.

ECO mode (specific types only)



During ironing, you can use the ECO mode to save energy but still have sufficient steam to iron all your garments.

Note: For the best results, we advise you to use the 'OptimalTemp' mode.

1 Press the ECO button when the appliance is switched on. The Smart light starts flashing green. When the iron has reached the ECO mode and is ready for use, the Smart light stops flashing and lights up green continuously.

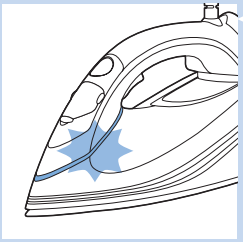
2 To go back to the 'OptimalTemp' mode, press the ECO button again.

Ironing tips

Minimising wrinkles while drying
Start wrinkle removal early in the drying process by spreading out your laundry properly after washing and by putting garments on hangers to make them dry naturally with fewer wrinkles.

Best practice shirt ironing
Start with the time-consuming parts like collar, cuff links and sleeves. Next, iron the bigger parts like front and back to prevent wrinkling the bigger parts when you are busy ironing the time-consuming parts.
Collar: When you iron a collar, start on its underside and work from the outside (the pointy end) inwards. Turn over and repeat. Fold down the collar and press the edge for a more crisp finish.
Buttons: Iron on the reverse side of the buttons for more effective and faster ironing.

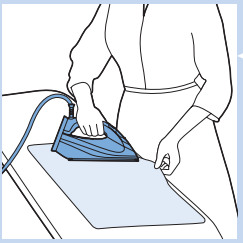
Safety Auto-off



- To save energy, the appliance switches off automatically when it has not been moved for 3 minutes in horizontal position, or 8 minutes when left standing on its heel. The Smart light starts flashing slowly.
- To reactivate the iron, press the steam trigger. The iron starts heating up again.

Note: The steam iron is not switched off completely when it is in Safety Auto-off mode. Unplug the iron to switch it off.

Cleaning and maintenance

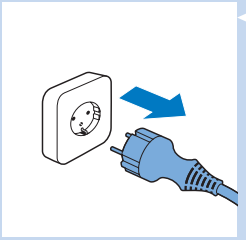


1 Clean the appliance with a moist cloth after every use.

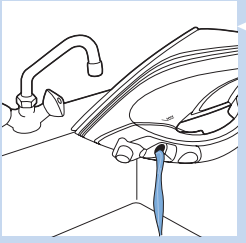
2 To easily and effectively remove stains, let the appliance heat up and move the soleplate over a moist cloth.

Tip: Clean the soleplate regularly to ensure smooth gliding.

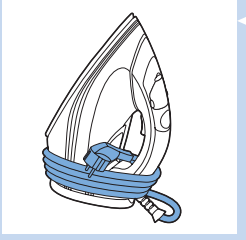
Storage



1 Remove the plug from the wall socket.



2 Empty the water tank and let the iron cool down in a safe place.



3 Wind the mains cord round the heel of the appliance and fix it with the cord clip. Store the iron on its heel in a safe and dry place.

Troubleshooting

This chapter summarises the most common problems you could encounter with the appliance. If you are unable to solve the problem with the information below, visit **www.philips.com/support** for a list of frequently asked questions or contact the Consumer Care Centre in your country.

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The iron is plugged in, but the soleplate is cold.	There is a connection problem.	Check the mains cord, the plug and the wall socket.
The iron does not produce any steam.	There is not enough water in the water tank.	Fill the water tank (see chapter 'Using the appliance', section 'Filling the water tank').
	The iron is not hot enough to produce steam.	Wait until the Smart light has stopped flashing and lights up continuously.
	You did not move the iron.	This iron is equipped with a motion sensor and starts producing steam as soon as it is moved.
	The iron is not plugged in.	Plug in the iron to switch it on.
The iron does not produce any steam when moved.	Although the Auto Steam Sensor technology covers a large number of ironing movements, there may still be some movements that do not activate the sensor.	Press the steam trigger to start steaming.
The iron continues to steam when it is not moved.	Because of the Auto Steam Sensor Technology, steam may continue to be produced for 1-4 seconds to ensure good wrinkle removal at the end of the ironing stroke. This is normal.	If you want to avoid this, place the iron on its heel.
The iron does not produce Steam Boost.	You have used the Steam Boost function too often within a very short period.	Continue ironing in horizontal position and wait a while before you use the Steam Boost function again.
	The iron is not hot enough.	Wait until the Smart light has stopped flashing and lights up continuously.
Water droplets drip onto the fabric during ironing.	You have not closed the cap of the filling opening properly.	Press the cap until you hear a click.
	You have put a chemical in the water tank.	Rinse the water tank and do not put any perfume or any chemical in the water tank.
The Smart light flashes slowly.	The Safety Auto-off mode is active. The iron has been switched to standby mode(see chapter 'Safety Auto-off').	To reactivate the iron, press the steam trigger. The iron starts heating up again.
Dirty water and impurities come out of the soleplate or the soleplate is dirty.	Impurities or chemicals present in the water have deposited in the steam vents or on the soleplate.	Clean the soleplate with a damp cloth.

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The iron leaves a shine or an imprint on the garment.	The surface to be ironed was uneven, for instance because you ironed over a seam or a fold in the garment.	The iron is safe to use on all garments. The shine or imprint is not permanent and disappears when you wash the garment. Avoid ironing over seams or folds. You can also place a cotton cloth over the area to be ironed to avoid imprints.
The iron produces a pumping sound.	Water is being pumped into the steam chamber. This is normal.	If the pumping sound continues nonstop, unplug the iron and contact the Consumer Care Centre.
The iron produces a loud pumping noise.	There is no water in the water tank.	Fill the water tank (see chapter 'Using the appliance', section 'Filling the water tank').
The iron steams continuously when placed horizontally on the ironing board for 20-30 seconds.	The ironing board did not provide a good flat support and this activated the Auto Steam Sensor in the iron.	Place the iron on its heel when you are not ironing to prevent this problem.

Overview of models

Feature	GC5060	GC5057	GC5055	GC5050
OptimalTemp technology	✓	✓	✓	✓
Compact, powerful steam generation technology	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue Smart light	✓	✓	✓	✓
Constant steam output	65g/min	65g/min	65g/min	50g/min
Auto Steam Sensor	✓	✓	✓	✓
Soleplate	SteamGlide	SteamGlide	SteamGlide	anodilium
ECO button	✓	-	-	-
Steam Boost	✓	✓	✓	-
Constant vertical steam	✓	✓	✓	✓
Soft-grip handle	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water tank capacity (ml)	320	320	320	320
Anti-drip system	✓	✓	✓	✓
Safety Auto-off mode	✓	✓	✓	✓
360° swivel cord	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cord length (m)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5